WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

- 1. A soundproofing and thermally insulating element comprising a panel of polyurethane rigid foam with a proportion of closed cells of more than 90%, with a surface having 1 to 18 depressions per square centimeter, the depressions having a diameter of from 0.1 to 10 mm and a depth of from 10 to 70 mm, wherein at least two types of depressions that differ in at least one dimension are present.
- The element of Claim 1 in which depressions are present on both front and rear sides of the foam panel.
 - 3. The element of Claim 2 in which the panel of polyurethane rigid foam is provided with an outer layer on the front or rear side.

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4. The element of Claim 3 in which the outer layer is an aluminum foil or a mineral fiber fleece.

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- 5. The element of Claim 4 in which the panel of closed-cell polyurethane rigid foam is provided with an outer layer on the front and rear sides.
 - 6. The element of Claim 5 in which the outer layer on the front side of the foam panel is a different material than the outer layer on the rear side of the foam panel.

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- 7. The element of Claim 1 in which the panel of polyurethane rigid foam is provided with an outer layer on its front and rear sides.
- 8. The element of Claim 7 in which the outer layer is an aluminum foil or mineral fiber fleece.

- 9. The element of Claim 8 in which the foam panel is provided with an outer layer on both its front and rear sides.
- The element of Claim 9 in which the outer layer on the front side of the foam is a material different from that of the outer layer on the rear side of the foam.